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THE ATTACK OF THE EVIL F.F.--- "THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!"

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HAVE THE FABULOUS F.F. FINALLY MET THEIR MASTERS IN:
"THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!"
PROUDLY PRODUCED BY: SMILIN' STAN LEE and JOLLY JACK KIRBY
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IT FINALLY HAPPENED! REED AND SUE HAVE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THEIR ENGAGEMENT-- AND THE WORLD'S PRESS GOES WILD!!
HOLD IT, FOLKS! JUST ONE MORE SCENE FOR THE NEWS REELS!
DON'T RUSH, GENTLE-MEN! IT'S A PLEASURE!
OH, REED, MY DARLING! IT'S ALL SO WONDER-FUL!
WATCH IT, BOYS! DON'T MAKE BASHFUL BENJAMIN ANGRY!
HEY! GETCHER BLASTED ELBOW OUTTA MY KISSER!
HIT 'EM WITH ANOTHER SPOTLIGHT, CHARLIE!
WHAT A COUPLE! I'LL BET THEY COULD NAME THEIR OWN PRICE IN HOLLYWOOD!
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FINALLY, A FEW THOUSAND PICTURES LATER...
THAT'LL BE IT FOR NOW, BOYS! I DON'T WANT MY FIANCEE TO GET TIRED!
YOUR FIANCEE! OH, REED... MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT WHENEVER YOU SAY THAT!
HOLD IT, YOU GUYS! WHERE ARE YA RUNNIN' TO? I AINT TIRED! DON'TCHA WANT ANY PIN-UP PICTURES OF LOVEABLE ME??
SORRY, MR. GRIMM! WE'RE NOT WITH SHOCK THEATRE!
TELL 'IM TO CALL "MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH"!
ON SIDE, GENTS! I'M DELIVERIN' AN ENGAGEMENT PRESENT!
ANOTHER ONE! THEY'LL SOON BE ABLE TO OPEN UP A STORE!
CONGRATULATIONS, MR. RICHARDS! GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER GET TO SEE MR. FANTASTIC IN PERSON!
ANY CHANCE OF AN AUTOGRAPH?
OF COURSE, SON! HERE YOU ARE....!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? THIS IS NO BLASTED PRESENT!
IT'S FROM THE YANCY STREET GANG!
RUN FOR THE HILLS! IT'S A BOMB!
OH, NO! THEY WOULDN'T!!
EVERYBODY OUT! FAST! SUE --QUICK, DARLING! FOLLOW ME!
MOVE! I'LL TRY'N SMOTHER IT WITH MY PAWS!
HEY! WHAT KINDA COTTON-PICKIN' EXPLOSION IS THAT??!
THWEEP!
FLOWERS! IT WAS JUST A GAG!
NOW YOU TELL US!
THANK HEAVEN!

THAT SINKS IT! WAIT'LL I GET MY MITTS ON THOSE CREEPS! I'LL PLASTER 'EM ALL OVER THE LANDSCAPE! I'LL MOP UP YANCY STREET WITH 'EM! I'LL--I'LL--
DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER, BEN DEAR! AFTER ALL, THERE WAS NO HARM DONE! LET'S JUST FORGET IT!
IN THEIR OWN MIXED-UP WAY, THEY WERE PROBABLY TRYING TO DO SOMETHING NICE FOR US!
NUTS! IN THE MOOD YOU'RE IN, YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS WOULD MAKE EXCUSES FOR DOCTOR DOOM! I'M CUTTIN' OUT!
SLAM!
WAIT FOR ME, BIG BUDDY!
FOR ONCE, SUE DEAR, I DON'T MIND THEM LEAVING! WE'RE ALONE AT LAST...!
BUT, ALL IS NOT QUITE AS BLISSFUL AS IT MIGHT SEEM! AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ON A LONELY WHARF AT THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN...
THE SANDMAN OUGHTA BE HERE ANY MINUTE!
AND HE BETTER NOT BE LATE! PASTE-POT PETE ISN'T USED TO BEING KEPT WAITING!
SUDDENLY...
THWUP
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? WHERE'D ALL THIS COME FROM?!
CAN'T YA GUESS, LITTLE FELLA?
THE SANDMAN!
THIS IS JUST TO SHOW YA WHICH ONE OF US IS GONNA BE TOP DOG!
IT SHOWS ME NOTHING, YOU CONCEITED FREAK! YOU MERELY TOOK ME BY SURPRISE! BUT, NOW--
YOU DON'T THINK THAT CORNY PASTE-GUN IS GONNA BOTHER ME, DO YA? I'VE TACKLED SPIDER-MAN AND LIVED TO TELL OF IT!
TRY SOMETHIN'! I DARE YA!
STOP, BOTH OF YOU! I DIDN'T CALL THIS MEETING FOR US TO FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES!
WE HAVE FAR BETTER FOES TO VENT OUR POWER UPON!
THE WIZARD!
AT LAST!

BUT, "HOW CAN THIS BE?" YOU ASK! IN STRANGE TALES #118 WE SAW THE WIZARD FLOATING HELPLESSLY INTO SPACE, TO HIS DOOM! WELL, LET'S GO BACK A SHORT TIME...
I TOLD YA I COULD USE MY SANDY BODY TO GET US OUTA THAT PEN!
GOOD THING I HAD A PASTE GUN AND COSTUME STASHED AWAY OUT HERE!
BUT, THE GUARDS'LL PICK UP OUR TRAIL SOON! WE'VE GOTTA PUT A LOT OF SCENERY BETWEEN US AND THIS COUNTY!
RIGHT! AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT! WATCH ME SNAG THAT LOW-FLYING JET WITH MY PASTE GUN!
WAIT! COME BACK!
GOOD WORK, PETE! GLAD YA KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS CRATE! NOW TAKE OFF!
AS LONG AS I HAVE MY PASTE GUN, I CAN DO ANYTHING! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME AGAIN!
HEY, LOOK! SOMEONE FLOATIN' IN THE AIR! GOIN' HIGHER AND HIGHER! WHAT IN SAM HILL--??
THAT'S NOT JUST SOMEONE, YOU UNIMAGINATIVE BOOR! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE--WIZARD??
I'LL GET CLOSE AS I CAN WHILE YOU SNATCH HIM! COULD BE WE CAN USE THAT GENT!
WHAT FOR? TO GIVE US FLOATIN' LESSONS?
DURING MY BATTLE WITH THE ACCURSED TORCH, MY ANTI-GRAV DEVICE JAMMED! YOU SAVED ME FROM SUFFOCATING IN THE ATMOSPHERE! I SHALL NOT FORGET THAT!
OKAY, SO WHERE'S THE PAY-OFF?
I SHALL NOT REPAY YOU WITH MONEY! I SHALL DO SOMETHING FAR BETTER! I SHALL ACCEPT YOU AS PARTNERS! I SHALL LEAD YOU IN A CRUSADE OF CRIME!
NUTS TO THAT! I'D RATHER HAVE THE DOUGH!
DON'T BE A FOOL, SANDMAN! WITH A BRAIN LIKE THE WIZARD'S GUIDING US, WE COULD EVEN BE THE MASTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THE FANTASTIC FOUR! HMMM... WHAT AN IDEA! IF WE COULD FIND A SUITABLE FEMALE, WE COULD BE THEIR EXACT EVIL COUNTER-PART!
SOME CHANCE! I SUPPOSE THERE'S A MILLION INVISIBLE GALS JUST WAITIN' FOR YA!
NO, BUT I DO KNOW OF A FEMALE! SHE'D BE PERFECT!
I'LL NEED A FEW WEEKS--AND THEN WE'LL MEET AGAIN!
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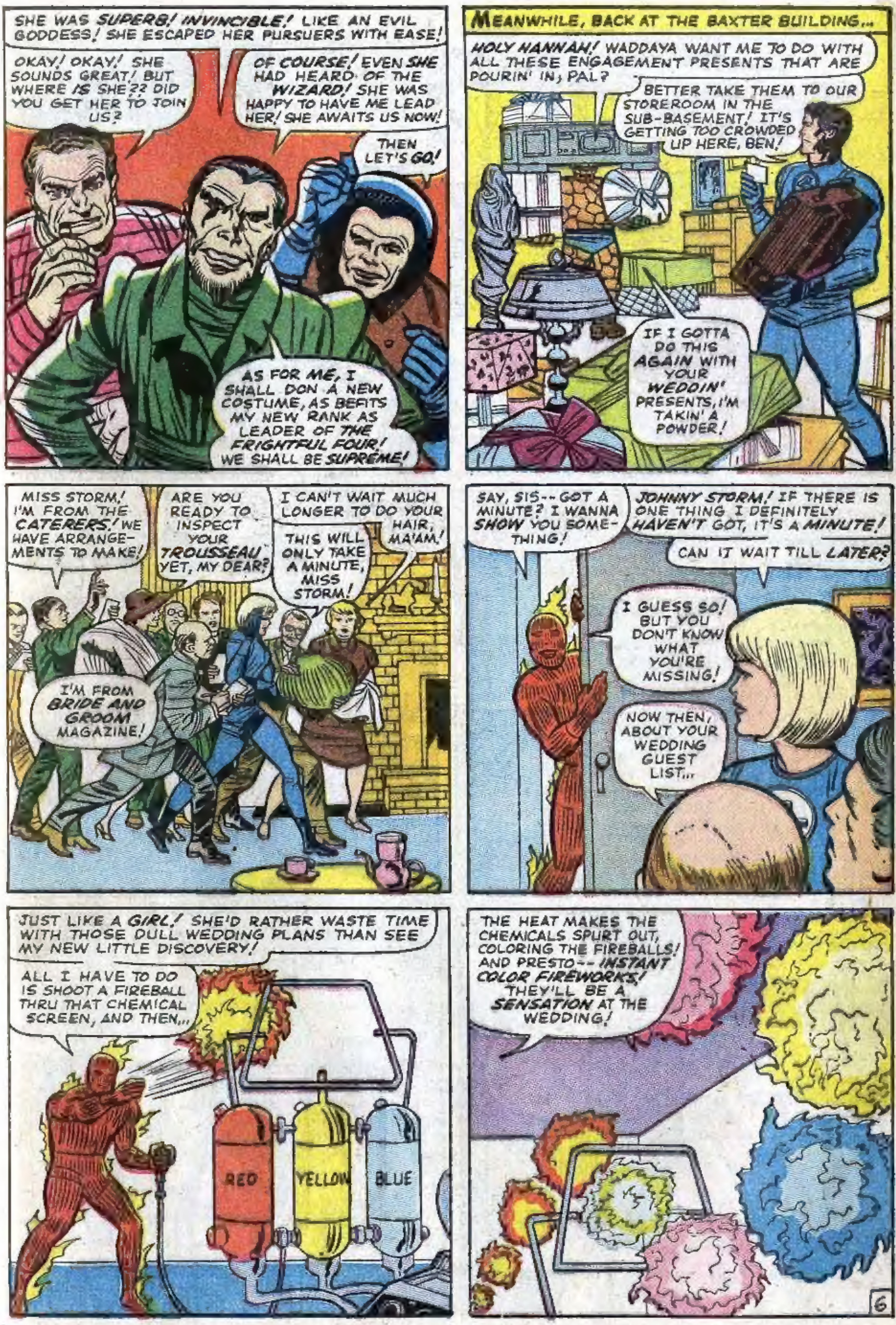
SHE WAS SUPERB! INVINCIBLE! LIKE AN EVIL GODDESS! SHE ESCAPED HER PURSUERS WITH EASE!
OKAY! OKAY! SHE SOUNDS GREAT! BUT WHERE IS SHE?? DID YOU GET HER TO JOIN US?
OF COURSE! EVEN SHE HAD HEARD OF THE WIZARD! SHE WAS HAPPY TO HAVE ME LEAD HER! SHE AWAITS US NOW!
THEN LET'S GO!
AS FOR ME, I SHALL DON A NEW COSTUME, AS BEFITS MY NEW RANK AS LEADER OF THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR! WE SHALL BE SUPREME!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE BAXTER BUILDING...
HOLY HANNAH! WADDAYA WANT ME TO DO WITH ALL THESE ENGAGEMENT PRESENTS THAT ARE POURIN' IN, PAL?
BETTER TAKE THEM TO OUR STOREROOM IN THE SUB-BASEMENT! IT'S GETTING TOO CROWDED UP HERE, BEN!
IF I GOTTA DO THIS AGAIN WITH YOUR WEDDIN' PRESENTS, I'M TAKIN' A POWDER!
MISS STORM! I'M FROM THE CATERERS! WE HAVE ARRANGE-MENTS TO MAKE!
ARE YOU READY TO INSPECT YOUR TROUSSEAU YET, MY DEAR?
I CAN'T WAIT MUCH LONGER TO DO YOUR HAIR, MA'AM!
THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE, MISS STORM!
I'M FROM BRIDE AND GROOM MAGAZINE!
SAY, SIS-- GOT A MINUTE? I WANNA SHOW YOU SOME-THING!
JOHNNY STORM! IF THERE IS ONE THING I DEFINITELY HAVEN'T GOT, IT'S A MINUTE!
CAN IT WAIT TILL LATER?
I GUESS SO! BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING!
NOW THEN, ABOUT YOUR WEDDING GUEST LIST...
JUST LIKE A GIRL! SHE'D RATHER WASTE TIME WITH THOSE DULL WEDDING PLANS THAN SEE MY NEW LITTLE DISCOVERY!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SHOOT A FIREBALL THRU THAT CHEMICAL SCREEN, AND THEN...
RED
YELLOW
BLUE
THE HEAT MAKES THE CHEMICALS SPURT OUT, COLORING THE FIREBALLS! AND PRESTO-- INSTANT COLOR FIREWORKS! THEY'LL BE A SENSATION AT THE WEDDING!

NOW, I'LL INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE CHEMICAL STREAM, AND GIVE IT A REAL TEST!
GUNG HO!
WOWEEE! I'LL BET I COULD MAKE A FORTUNE RENTING MYSELF OUT TO DISNEY-LAND! -WHAT A WHIRLING PIN-WHEEL! I'M A GENIUS!
BUT, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, OTHER EYES ARE WATCHING THE SAME COLOR SPECTACULAR! EVIL EYES! SCHEMING EYES! THE EYES OF...
IT'S THE TORCH, SHOWING OFF WITH THAT BLASTED FLAME POWER OF HIS! HOW I HATE THAT KID!
LET HIM HAVE HIS MOMENT OF PLEASURE! ONCE WE STRIKE, IT'LL BE ALL OVER FOR HIM! FOR ALL OF THEM!
BUT WHEN DO WE ATTACK?? WHERE DID THE WIZARD DISAPPEAR TO?
HEY! WHAT WAS THAT??
I DUNNO! IT WENT BY SO FAST--!
DO NOT BE ALARMED, MY FRIENDS! IT IS ONLY YOUR LEADER, IN HIS NEW GARB!
I WAS TESTING MY ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE!
IT ALLOWS ME TO SOAR AND DESCEND LIKE A BIRD! HENCE-FORTH, I SHALL CALL MYSELF THE WINGLESS WIZARD!
CALL YOURSELF WHATEVER YOU WANT TO! BUT, IF WE'RE EVER GONNA ATTACK THE F.F., THIS IS THE TIME TO DO IT!
PETE IS RIGHT! WHEN DO WE GET TO SEE THAT MADAM MEDUSA OF YOURS? OR DOESN'T SHE REALLY EXIST?
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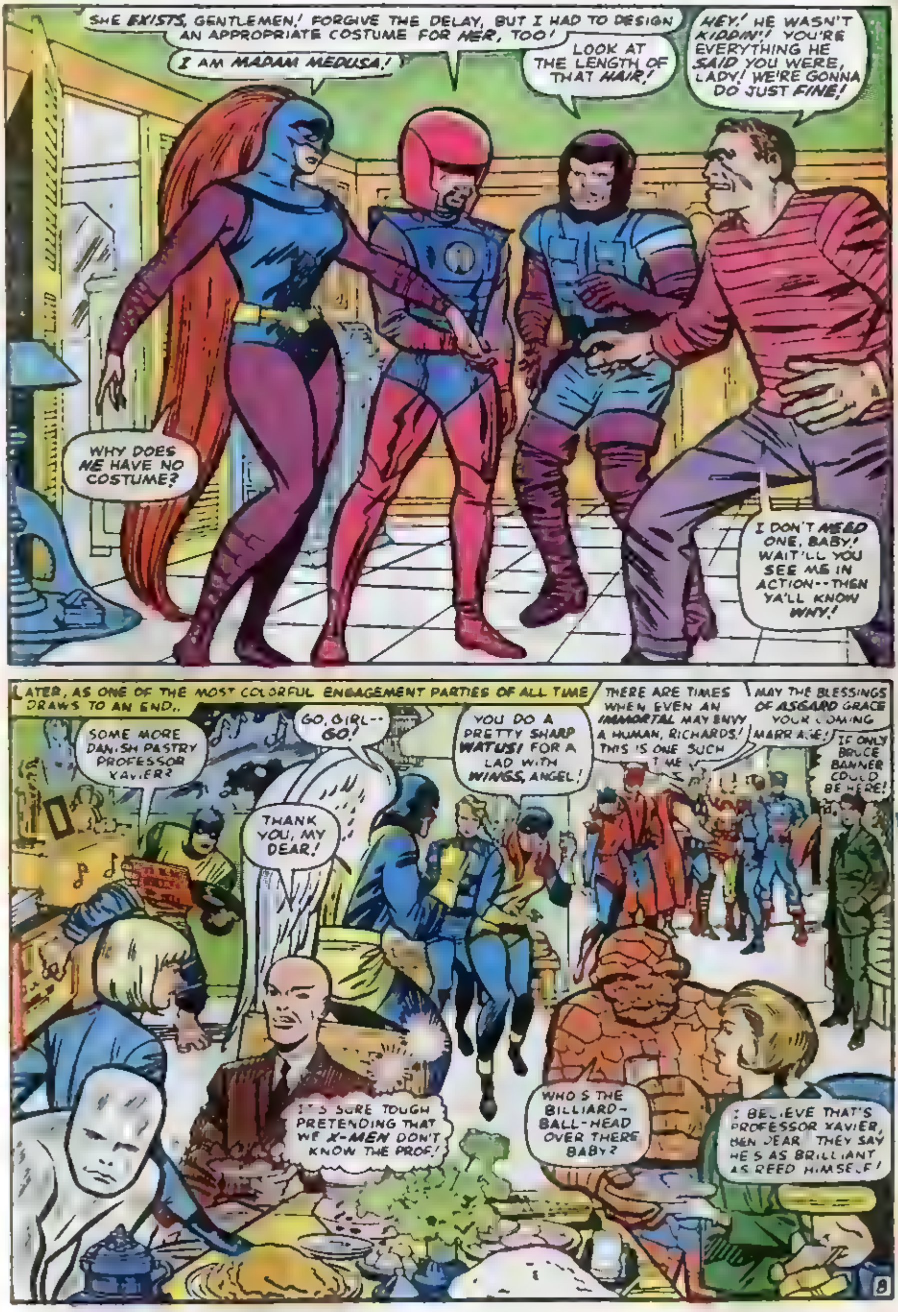

SHE EXISTS, GENTLEMEN! FORGIVE THE DELAY, BUT I HAD TO DESIGN AN APPROPRIATE COSTUME FOR HER, TOO!
I AM MADAM MEDUSA!
LOOK AT THE LENGTH OF THAT HAIR!
HEY! HE WASN'T KIDDIN'! YOU'RE EVERYTHING HE SAID YOU WERE, LADY! WE'RE GONNA DO JUST FINE!
WHY DOES HE HAVE NO COSTUME?
I DON'T NEED ONE, BABY! WAIT'LL YOU SEE ME IN ACTION--THEN YA'LL KNOW WHY!
LATER, AS ONE OF THE MOST COLORFUL ENGAGEMENT PARTIES OF ALL TIME DRAWS TO AN END..
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN AN IMMORTAL MAY ENVY A HUMAN, RICHARDS! THIS IS ONE SUCH TIME!
MAY THE BLESSINGS OF ASGARD GRACE YOUR COMING MARRIAGE!
IF ONLY BRUCE BANNER COULD BE HERE!
SOME MORE DANISH PASTRY PROFESSOR XAVIER?
GO, GIRL-- GO!
YOU DO A PRETTY SHARP WATUSI FOR A LAD WITH WINGS, ANGEL!
THANK YOU, MY DEAR!
IT'S SURE TOUGH PRETENDING THAT WE X-MEN DON'T KNOW THE PROF!
WHO'S THE BILLIARD-BALL-HEAD OVER THERE BABY?
I BELIEVE THAT'S PROFESSOR XAVIER, BEN DEAR. THEY SAY HE'S AS BRILLIANT AS REED HIMSELF!

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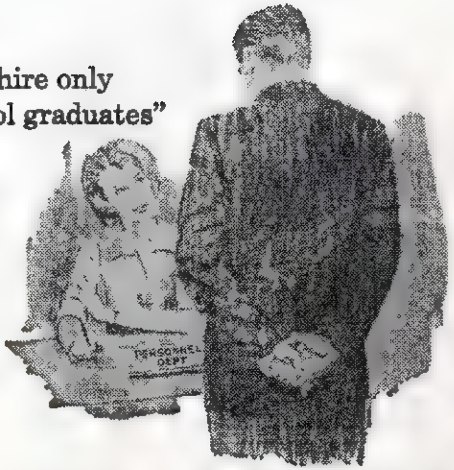

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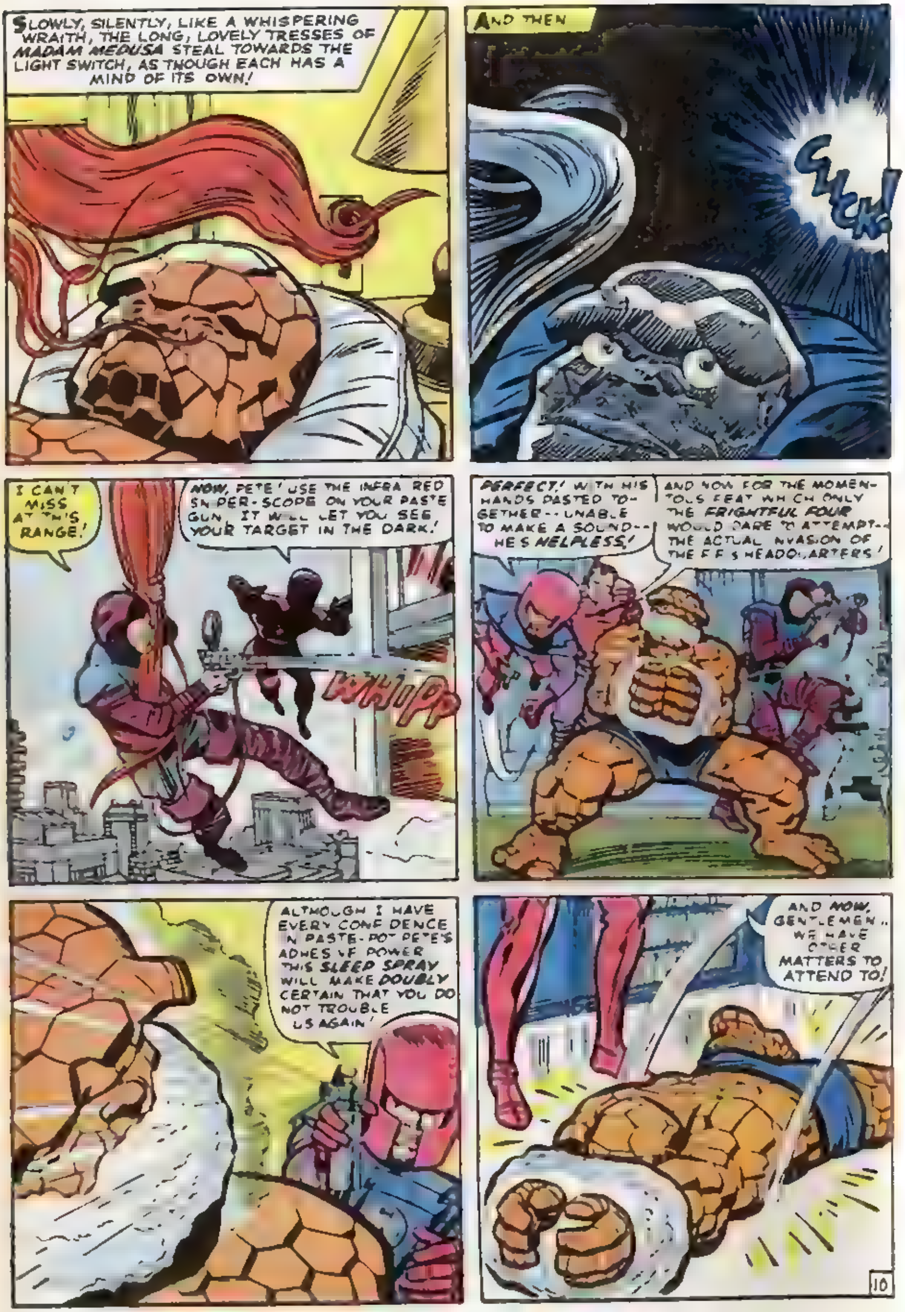
SLOWLY, SILENTLY, LIKE A WHISPERING WRAITH, THE LONG, LOVELY TRESSES OF MADAM MEDUSA STEAL TOWARDS THE LIGHT SWITCH, AS THOUGH EACH HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!
AND THEN
CLICK!
NOW, PETE! USE THE INFRA RED SNIPER-SCOPE ON YOUR PASTE GUN. IT WILL LET YOU SEE YOUR TARGET IN THE DARK!
I CAN'T MISS AT THIS RANGE!
WHIPP
PERFECT! WITH HIS HANDS PASTED TOGETHER--UNABLE TO MAKE A SOUND--HE'S HELPLESS!
AND NOW FOR THE MOMENTOUS FEAT WHICH ONLY THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR WOULD DARE TO ATTEMPT--THE ACTUAL INVASION OF THE F.F.'S HEADQUARTERS!
ALTHOUGH I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN PASTE-POT PETE'S ADHESIVE POWER THIS SLEEP SPRAY WILL MAKE DOUBLY CERTAIN THAT YOU DO NOT TROUBLE US AGAIN!
AND NOW, GENTLEMEN.. WE HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO!
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I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD SOMETHING FALL!
BEN! WHA--WHAT HAPPENED???
SOMETHING'S WRONG! I'D BETTER USE MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD! OH! JUST IN TIME!
SPAT!
SUE! WHAT IS IT??
THANK HEAVEN! HERE COMES REED!
TAKING IN THE SITUATION WITH ONE QUICK GLANCE, MR. FANTASTIC GOES INTO INSTANT ACTION.
AH, THE GREAT REED RICHARDS! I HAVE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!
IT SOUNDS LIKE--IT IS--THE WIZARD! AND PASTE-POT PETE! BUT HOW--?
I HEAR SOMEONE MOVING BEHIND ME! HAVEN'T TIME TO SWING AROUND!
BAM!
REMEMBER ME, RICHARDS?? YOU'D BETTER! I'M THE GUY WHO'S GONNA FINISH YA OFF NOW!
THE SANDMAN!
HOW ABOUT CALLIN' US BY OUR NEW NAME, PAL? IT'S THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!
BUT THERE'S ONLY THREE OF YOU!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! JUST WAIT TILL LATER!
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BY THE WAY, SANDMAN--WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR POWER, THEY DON'T CALL ME MISTER FANTASTIC FOR NOTHING!
HUH--??
THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED SANDMAN HAS TIME TO REFORM HIS AMAZING BODY, REED RICHARDS STRIKES!
THWACKK!
REED! DARLING--LOOK OUT! OHH--I WARNED HIM TOO LATE!
YOU'RE PRETTY FAST, RICHARDS! BUT YOU CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE!
HE FORGOT ME, WIZ! I'LL HOLD HIM THERE TILL YOU GIVE HIM A DOSE OF YOUR SLEEP SPRAY!
SUE! YOUR INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD! REMEMBER WHAT WE PRACTICED LAST WEEK??
RESPONDING INSTANTLY TO HER LOVED ONE'S CRY, THE INVISIBLE GIRL HURLS TWO INVISIBLE FORCE BALLS UNERRINGLY AT HER TWO TARGETS!
KONK
THEY WORK! YOU WERE RIGHT, MY DEAREST!
WHAP!
NOW SANDMAN IS TRYING TO REFORM HIMSELF! IF ONLY I CAN HOLD HIM WITHIN ANOTHER FORCE FIELD!
BUT, HOW LONG CAN I HOLD HIM? HE'S SO POWERFUL! IF ONLY THE TORCH HADN'T LEFT!

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE WINDOW, THE FEMALE MEMBER OF THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR LOWERS HERSELF SLOWLY FROM THE ROOF'S EDGE...
THIS IS THE WINDOW! NOW TO SWING MYSELF IN...!
I SEEM TO HEAR SOMETHING BEHIND ME! BUT, I'M AFRAID TO TURN! I MUSTN'T RELAX MY FORCE FIELD AROUND SANDMAN!
SOMETHING SEIZING ME! HOLDING ME! I CAN'T MOVE! OH NO-- NO!
OH YES, YES, MY DEAR! YES INDEED!
MAY I WISH YOU PLEASANT DREAMS, MISS STORM?
WIZARD! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT WE'VE DONE?? WE'VE BEATEN THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
NOT QUITE! THERE IS STILL THE TORCH!
HE'LL BE EASY! WHERE IS HE?
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU USED THAT SLEEP STUFF OF YOURS! I COULDN'T HAVE HELD RICHARDS' LEGS DOWN MUCH LONGER!
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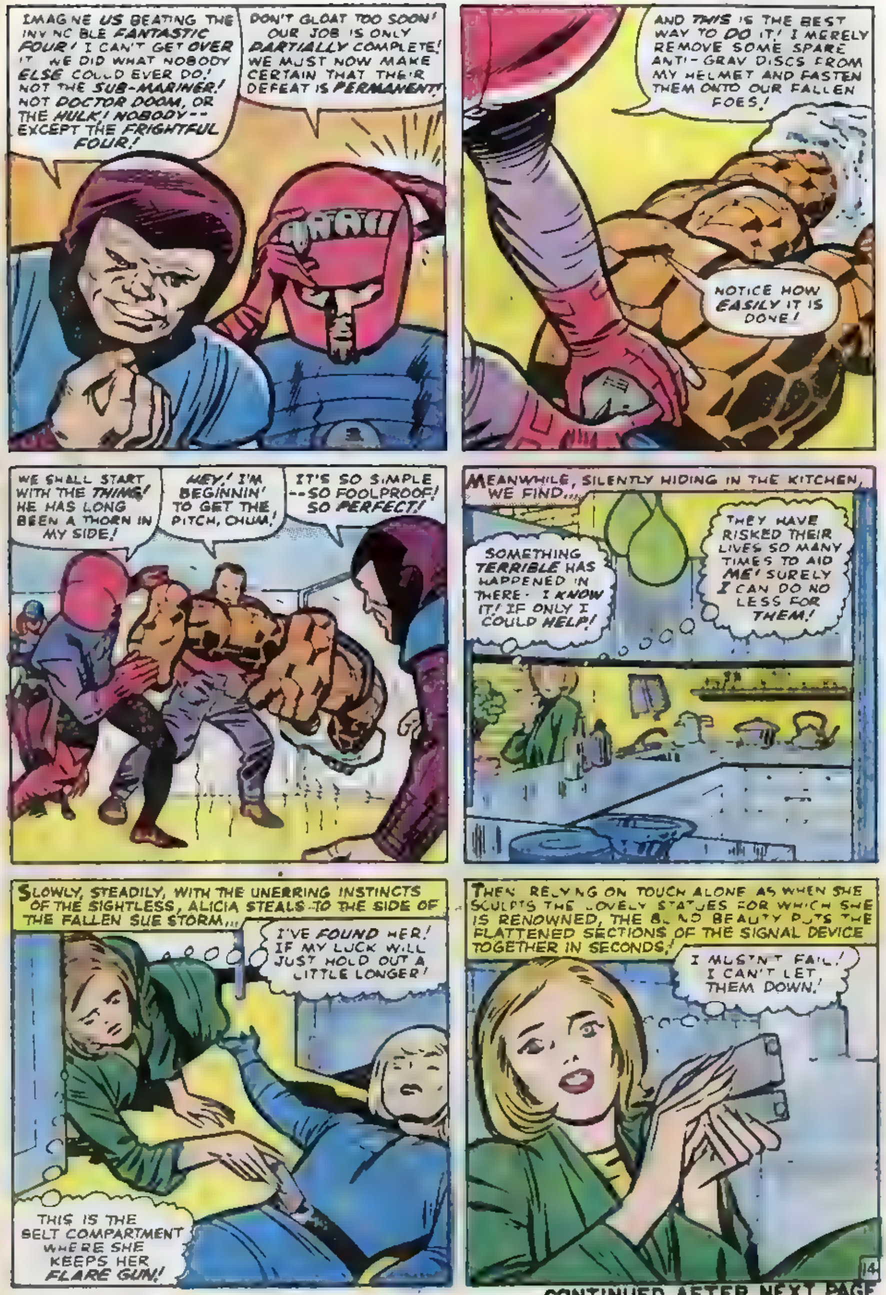

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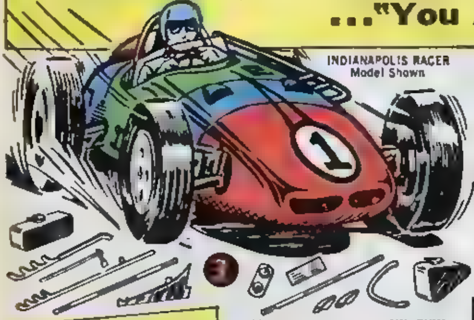

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SHE'S A REAL BOMB, EH, JOHNNY?
DON'T BREATHE TOO HARD ON THAT ALUMINUM ENGINE, TORCH! I JUST SPENT ALL MORNING POLISHING IT!
WELL, SHE'S NO FANTASTI-CAR, STEVE BUT I GUESS SHE'LL TAKE YOU WHERE YOU WANNA GO!
LISTEN, HOW ABOUT ME BRINGIN' MY LITTLE STING-RAY OVER! I WANNA SHOW YOU SOME MODIFICATIONS I MADE ON THE FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM! AND I WANNA WATCH YOUR EYES POP WHEN I START TO REV UP MY LITTLE FOUR-WHEELED FIRE CRACKER!
LOOK, JOHNNY! IS SOMEONE TRYIN' TO IMITATE YOUR F.F. SIGNAL??
HUH? WHERE? HEY! THAT'S NO IMITATION! THAT'S OUR RED DANGER FLARE!
ANYTHING WE CAN DO, FELLA?
YEAH! SAY A PRAYER FOR WHOEVER I'M GONNA HAVE TO FIGHT! I'LL MOW 'IM DOWN FOR TAKING ME AWAY FROM THAT DREAM BOAT
FLAME ON
WOWEEE! WHAT A TAKE-OFF!
AND, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
ANOTHER ONE! GIVE ME THAT GUN, YOU!
SOMETHING HAS CAUGHT ME! BUT, AT LEAST I FIRED THE FLARE! IF--IF ONLY SOMEONE SAW IT!
IT'S THE THING'S GAL FRIEND! LEMME HAVE HER! SHE'LL KEEP 'IM FROM GETTIN' TOO LONELY!
I'LL AFFIX AN ANTI-GRAV DEVICE TO HER, ALSO!

YOU ARE AS DIABOLICAL AS YOU ARE CLEVER, WIZARD! NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH TRUE VILLAINY!
THANK YOU, MY DEAR MADAM MEDUSA! I AM TOUCHED BY YOUR SINCERE WORDS OF PRAISE!
THERE THEY GO! WHAT A SURPRISE THEY'LL GET WHEN THEY WAKE UP!
NOTHING CAN SAVE THEM NOW! THEY'RE DOOMED!
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BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
SOMEONE'S ON OUR ROOF--AND IT'S NOT MY PARTNERS!
I'LL JUST DROP IN ON 'EM WITH A LITTLE FLAMING POWER DIVE!
HOLD IT, KIDDIES! YOU'RE NOT GOIN' ANYWHERE!
THE TORCH!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T MY OLD PAL, THE WIZARD, IN SOME NEW DUDS!
AND THE SANDMAN--AND PASTE-POT HIMSELF! DON'T BE IMPATIENT, BOYS! I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL OF YOU!
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HE'S TOO FAST!
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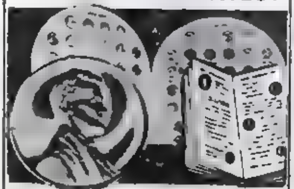

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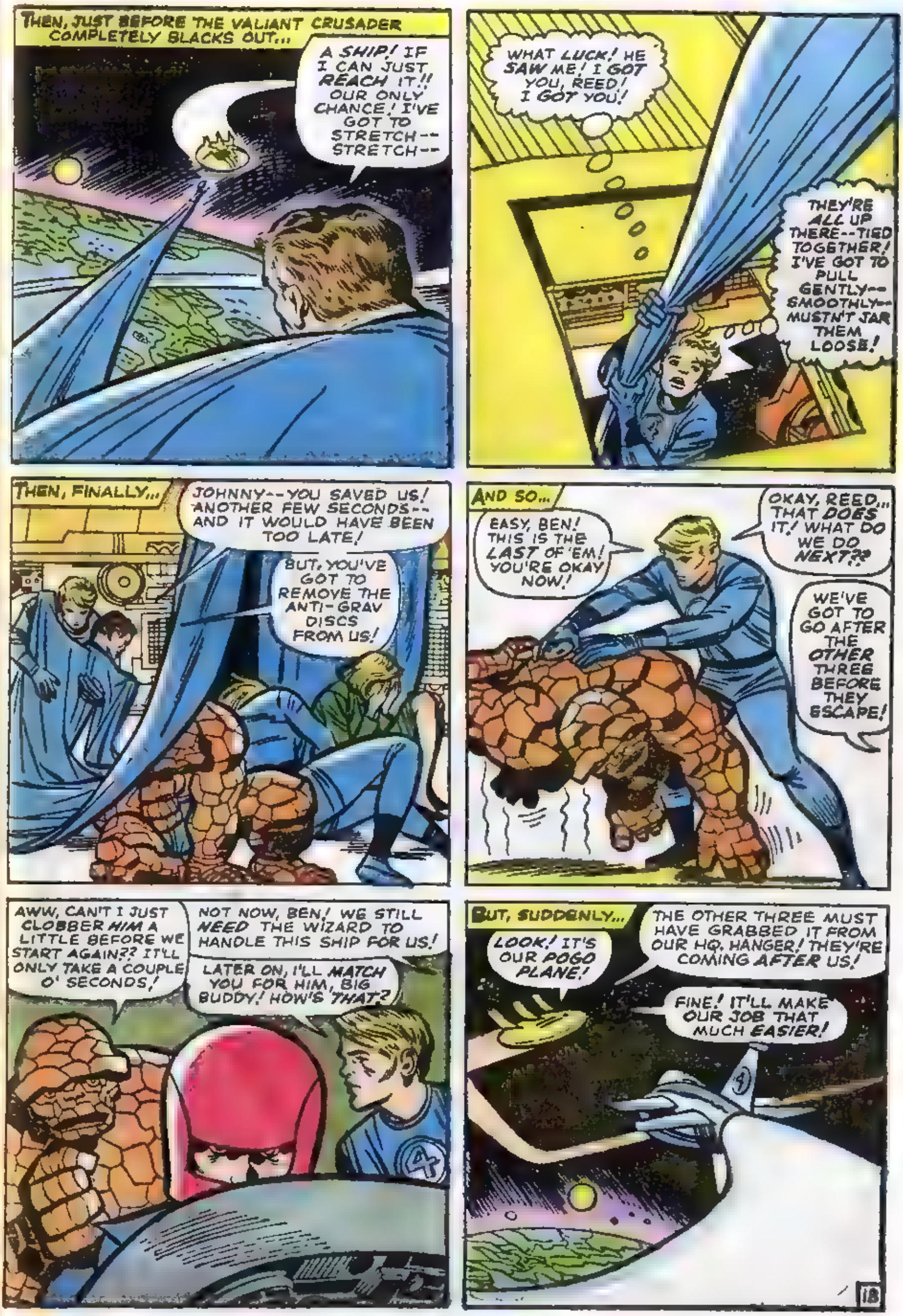
THEN, JUST BEFORE THE VALIANT CRUSADER COMPLETELY BLACKS OUT...
A SHIP! IF I CAN JUST REACH IT!! OUR ONLY CHANCE! I'VE GOT TO STRETCH-- STRETCH--
WHAT LUCK! HE SAW ME! I GOT YOU, REED! I GOT YOU!
THEY'RE ALL UP THERE--TIED TOGETHER! I'VE GOT TO PULL GENTLY-- SMOOTHLY-- MUSTN'T JAR THEM LOOSE!
THEN, FINALLY...
JOHNNY--YOU SAVED US! ANOTHER FEW SECONDS-- AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!
BUT, YOU'VE GOT TO REMOVE THE ANTI-GRAV DISCS FROM US!
AND SO...
EASY, BEN! THIS IS THE LAST OF 'EM! YOU'RE OKAY NOW!
OKAY, REED... THAT DOES IT! WHAT DO WE DO NEXT??
WE'VE GOT TO GO AFTER THE OTHER THREE BEFORE THEY ESCAPE!
AWW, CAN'T I JUST CLOBBER HIM A LITTLE BEFORE WE START AGAIN?? IT'LL ONLY TAKE A COUPLE O' SECONDS!
NOT NOW, BEN! WE STILL NEED THE WIZARD TO HANDLE THIS SHIP FOR US!
LATER ON, I'LL MATCH YOU FOR HIM, BIG BUDDY! HOW'S THAT?
BUT, SUDDENLY...
LOOK! IT'S OUR POGO PLANE!
THE OTHER THREE MUST HAVE GRABBED IT FROM OUR HQ. HANGER! THEY'RE COMING AFTER US!
FINE! IT'LL MAKE OUR JOB THAT MUCH EASIER!
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ZOOMING ABOVE THE WIZARD'S CRAFT, IN THE SPEEDIER POGO PLANE, SANDMAN DROPS DOWN ATOP THE SLOWER SHIP...
THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME NOW!
I'LL HARDEN THE PARTICLES OF MY BODY, SO THAT MY INCREASED MASS WILL FORCE THEIR SHIP DOWN!
BUT IT ISN'T WORKIN'! THEY'RE GOIN' FASTER THAN EVER!
WHAT A FOOL I AM! I FORGOT --WEIGHT AND MASS CAN'T AFFECT ANTI-GRAV! AND THE WIZARD'S SHIP IS POWERED BY HIS ANTI-GRAV DISCS!
HANG ON, KIDDIES! I'M GONNA PUNCH THRU THE ROOF OF THIS TUB AND GRAB ME THAT SANDMAN!
HOLD IT, BEN! THE CHANGE IN AIR PRESSURE COULD MAKE US CRASH! THERE'S AN EASIER WAY!
THE SANDMAN CAN'T BOTHER US NOW, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET THE POGO PLANE! YOU CAN DO IT, SUE! YOUR INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD CAN MAKE IT STALL!
I'LL TRY, REED! I'LL WAIT TILL IT DIVES CLOSER TO US... HERE IT COMES--NOW!
SOMETHING'S AFFECTING THE SHIP'S ENGINES! SHE'S GOING OUT OF CONTROL!!
GOOD WORK, SUE DARLING! YOU DID IT!
WE'RE SPINNING! CAN'T STOP HER! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

THEN, BEFORE THE CAREENING SHIP CAN HIT THE GROUND, SUE STORM MAKES ONE LAST HERCULEAN EFFORT, AND A CUSHION OF INVISIBLE FORCE BREAKS THE AIRCRAFT'S FALL!
LOOK! WE STOPPED FALLING! WE'RE GONNA LAND SAFELY!
BUT, THAT FINAL BIT OF EXERTION PROVES TOO MUCH FOR THE HEROIC GIRL...
SIS! REED, IS--IS SHE ALL RIGHT??
YES, JOHNNY! SHE MERELY BLACKED OUT FROM THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY SHE EXPENDED! IT'S BEST THIS WAY! SHE NEEDS THE REST!
THE POGO PLANE'S DOWN! IF THOSE RAT FINKS ESCAPE...!
OKAY, WIZARD-- LAND THIS TUB! AND I MEAN NOW!!
BUT OF COURSE, MY HOT-TEMPERED YOUNG FIRE-BRAND!
AND, AS SOON AS THE SHIP TOUCHES DOWN...
THERE'S THE SANDMAN! HE'S STILL GROGGY FROM THE SWIFT DESCENT!
STEP LIVELY THERE, CUDDLES! THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE!
KEEP YOUR EYE ON HIM, JOHNNY! I'M GOING AFTER THE OTHER TWO!
HERE COMES RICHARDS! I'LL STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO POLISH HIM OFF WITH MY PASTE GUN!
THEY CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR....!
OH, NO YOU DON'T! HE'S THE ONLY FIANCE I'VE GOT-- AND I'M NOT LOSING HIM!
A VOICE--FROM NOWHERE!
IT MUST BE THE INVISIBLE GIRL!
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BOYS! MEN! I'LL HELP YOU MASTER
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— says N.J.FLEMING — YUBIWAZA MASTER
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says Yoshie Imanami — Pretty Japanese wife of N.J. Fleming — Yubiwaza Master
WHAT YUBIWAZA CAN DO FOR YOU IN JUST A FEW SECONDS
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Dear Stan and Jack,

At last it's here—the moment we've been waiting for! History has been fulfilled. The earth-shattering announcement can now be made. On August 4th I bought F.F. #32 among other Marvel mags I collect, and do you realize it's been exactly three years since the F.F. were introduced into comics?! Since they first were introduced in F.F. #1, they have taken a consistent upward swing. Now, on their third anniversary they have achieved the outstanding position they possess today. I think everyone should celebrate this wonderful occasion! Congratulations on your excellent efforts and superb achievements in making this the Marvel Age of Comics! Greg Lester, 1535 S.E. 16th. Rhine, Portland, Ore.

Some birthday! So where's the presents? Anyway, many thanks for the kind thoughts, Greg, and the next time we have a birthday party, you'll be the first one invited!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Strong enough to defeat Doctor Doom, powerful enough to vanquish Super-Skrull, mighty enough even to tackle the Hulk, yet they couldn't save Dr. Storm! This is the first thing that came to my mind after I finished F.F. #32. The thing I never thought would happen did . . . The Thing cried!! This issue compares only with issue #2. I never guessed who the Invincible Man was until page 17. I was wondering how Jack does scenes like that on page 3?

Keith Clark, R.R. #2
Mayville, Wisc.

You mean that scene of outer space taken with a high-speed camera? It's simple, Keith—we simply drag jolly Jack into the nearest space ship, put a camera in his trembling hands, promise to pay him time-and-a-half for overtime, and away he goes! The only problem is that we're running out of space ships! (And the only reason we're not answering you seriously is that Jack won't tell us his secret! Only *he* really knows how he gets those terrific scenes without ever having been further into space than the second floor of our office building!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

Another month and you've done it again! I don't know how you always manage to come up with better and better issues, but you do! F.F. #33 was great! I loved every minute of it—lots of action, fun and games for everyone. Jack has a fantastic imagination for depicting outlandish machinery and barbaric splendor in costumes. Reading the F.F. is almost like seeing one of the old Cecil B. DeMille films. The battle scenes between Namor and Attuma were classic, to say the least. I still say, though, that Namor could be put on the right path, perhaps with Lady Dorma's aid. I'd like to see the Sub-Mariner as a friend of the F.F. Unusual twist—the F.F. aiding Namor without his knowing it! As for Sue and Reed getting married, I cast my vote "yes"! Odd attitude for a bachelor, but I appreciate that venerable, old institution. Congratulations on your best mag awards. I heartily agree. Also glad to see that good ol' Ben Grimm finally got to be "the idol of millions."

Dave Cockrum, SN, 6993933, YN "A" School, USNTC
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How about that! We see that Dave Cockrum, one of our most loyal fans, is in the navy now! Tell you what, Davey boy! As soon as you're assigned to a permanent ship or base, take a poll among all your fellow gobs as to which is their favorite Marvel title, and the guys in the bullpen will send you a complimentary subscription to that mag! (And it better not be MILLIE THE MODEL, sailor!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

You're wonderful, great, stupendous, and colossal! I could say other great words about you that would fill a dictionary! Speaking of books I might give you a suggestion. Seriously, why don't you write a book containing all the FF's stories in it? It would be every man for himself at the book store—there would be a riot! After the stock was sold out there would still be a crowd demanding more books. They would threaten to break the book store down if they didn't get their FF book. A policeman would then come along and see the book store levelled to the ground. The book store owner among this store's remains would demand charges! "No," the policeman would say, "We demand charges against you! For not having enough copies of the FF—because I didn't get mine!"

Chris Will, 505 No. 16th St.
Herrin, Ill.

Now *that's* the kinda letter we dig! Serious! Sensible! Down-to-earth! No kiddin' around! And fraught with social significance and philosophical fodder! Hoo boy!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I'm an avid fan of your remarkable, marvelous Marvel Comics, but—in F.F. ANNUAL #2, "The Final Victory of Dr. Doom," Doctor Doom, when he was removing his mask, said that he hadn't removed his mask in years! When does that poor villain take a bath??!!

Susan Winn, 3 Otowi Drive
Security, Colo.

We've sent a special wire to his home town in Latveria, Sue. When we receive his answer, we'll let you know. (You'll never know what a temptation it was to answer your letter by saying: "Every Saturday night—when else?")

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now:

SPIDER-MAN #22: This seems to be Marvel's year for evil teams! Spidey reaches new heights of greatness as he goes into single-handed action against the deadly CLOWN, and his MASTERS OF MENACE!

AVENGERS #13: The Avengers have been almost all over, but never have they entered a place with the menace and mystery of "The Castle of Count Nefaria!" It's got that Bela Lugosi-ish flavor!

DAREDEVIL #6: And still another team of villains! But this one has a different gimmick! See why D.D. has become a winner in such a short time as you thrill to "The Fellowship Of Fear!"

THOR #113: It had to happen! At last the mighty Thor tells Jane his true identity! But, little does he dream it may cost him his life—especially with the grotesque Grey Gargoyle appearing from nowhere!

STRANGE TALES #130: Certain to be a sensation! The Torch and the Thing see the Beatles! Dr. Strange is defeated by the dread Dormammu! And, we introduce an exciting new artist!

SUSPENSE #63: The one we've been promising you! Here it is: "The ORIGIN of Captain America!" Nuff said! Plus, another great fantasy-mystery starring the armored Avenger: Iron Man, vs. an unknown phantom!

ASTONISH #65: Another fabulous surprise! Wait till you see the NEW Giant-Man! New artist, new costume, but the same Marvel magic! And then you'll follow the incredible Hulk on a thundering rampage behind the Iron curtain!

SGT. FURY #15: The Howlers find a new mascot on one of their most dangerous missions! If you appreciate the best, don't miss "Too Small To Fight, Too Young To Die!" in the war magazine for people who hate war magazines!

Dear Stan and Jack,

In issue #31, Pat Scarfo said that every time he wrote all he got back was a blue card thanking him for h[is] thoughtful letter. He said he expected more. What *do*[es] he expect, anyway? Money? Ask him what he gets whe[n]

he writes to other comics groups! When I received my first blue card, I was surprised to get anything out of the deal. No hard feelings, Pat, but I think you and the rest of us fans should be glad to get those little blue cards! Also in ish #31, John Johnson said that he didn't mind a few comebacks once in a while, but not all the time. I have to agree. I think most of your readers would like to see some new villains menace the F.F. I also think you should go back to thick collars on the F.F.'s costumes. It looks more original. The FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL was great! (Not to mention the MARVEL TALES ANNUAL and the SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL!!) The reprint of the F.F.'s first encounter with Doctor Doom was truly a classic. "The Final Victory of Doctor Doom" was a masterpiece! One more comment—Reed should invent something to let the Thing change to Ben Grimm at will. Many other fans would agree. You fellas at Marvel are the most! Adios till clobberin' time!

Dennis Willits, 1120 10th Ave. N.W.
Great Falls, Montana

We may be the most, Den, but our competitors have been asking for years: "The most *what??*" And now, you've given us another earth-shaking decision to make—should we make the collars on the F.F. costumes thicker? A thing like that will keep us awake nights till it's resolved! Should we take a new poll? Offer some more no-prizes? Toss a coin? Ahh, decisions, decisions—!!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I read your F.F. Letters Page as I always do along with the Special Announcements Section. You asked us what villains we would like back. I would really like to see Diablo back. The most spectacular part of my modest idea is to have Diablo team up with Sub-Mariner and Dr. Doom. What a threesome! Robert Drago, 864 River Ave.
Providence 8, R.I.

You're not kiddin' when you call it a modest request, Bob! How come you didn't ask us to toss in the Mole Man, the Hulk, the Red Ghost, and a Skrull or two? *Cheee!* Anyway, if you stay with us long enough, don't be too surprised at what you'll be seeing . . .!

Dear Stan and Jack,

You were asking fans whether to have new super villains or old ones. I think you should have new ones, but not two-bit ones like Diablo. (no offense!) I don't mean to sound disloyal but how many more letters do I have to write before I get one in the Letters Page? Am I writing bad letters or do you have to send so many letters before you get one in? Jesse Prater, 530 W. 15th St.
Ada, Okla.

Jesse, there are some readers who must have sent us more than a hundred letters, and still haven't had one published. Others get one printed first time at bat! It has nothing to do with the amount of letters you send in. The way we make our selection is to read 'em all (sob!) and then to try to pick the ones which we think will be the most interesting to our other readers for that month! We don't say to ourselves "He sent in a lot of letters previously" nor "This is her first letter." We don't even look at the signature! We simply try to pick the most interesting, or controversial, or provocative letters of all. In fact, sometimes we'll select one like yours which asks a question which we feel many fans want to read the answer to! Okay?

Dear Stan and Jack,

How do you like that? No sooner did I drop a letter to the F.F. than I remembered what the main thing was that I meant to say, Mainly, congratulations on your third anniversary! As of issue #32, it's been three years since the F.F. were born. You've come a long way since you made that first issue. I hate to say it, but F.F. #1 was pretty bad. The Torch was drawn miserably but that was remedied quickly. The Thing's looks have improved enormously since the first year and so has his temper. Reed looked rather ugly at first but rapidly changed. The two things that have changed the most since then are the artwork and writing. It's amazing how drawing superhero stories shaped up Jack's artwork. These old "monsters-on-the-loose" you used to do never gave Jack a chance to show what talent he really had. Come to think of it, the same goes for Stan. Just since 1961 you've thrown out your old formats and introduced X-MEN, SPIDER-MAN, THOR, AVENGERS and so many others. The Marvel Age of Comics came down like a bolt of lightning, but don't stop now. I expect to see just as much change in the next three years, and the next three, and the next three . . . ! Chris Lampton, 6614 22nd Place
Hyattsville, Md.

Not a chance, Christopher! We have enough trouble just remembering the names and costumes of the characters we have now! Anyway, you and Greg Lester are the first two readers to remind us of the F.F.'s third anniversary, and so we're sending you both a special economy-sized no-prize, suitable for framing! Incidentally, our no-prizes are mailed out in plain wrappers, with no addresses on them—so they take a little longer than most other mail to reach the recipient!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Well, if you liked the ol' Frightful Four, you'll be happy to know that we'll be seeing more of them in the future! And if you didn't like them, it doesn't matter because you probably never read this far anyway! One thing we want to tell you, though—there's going to be a big change in the evil F.F. next time you meet them. The only hint we'll give you is that it involves Paste-Pot Pete. After that, you're on your own!

—This is as good a place as any to tell you that the only way to get a giant-size M.M.M.S. membership pin is to mail the coupon which is in this ish! You can't buy 'em at the store, and no loyal Merry Marcher would ever part with his own! So, if you haven't mailed your coupon yet, do it now! We'll wait for you!

—Speaking of the M.M.M.S. (And all of comicdom seems to be speaking of it these days!), do you remember a few months ago when we asked you to guess what M.M.M.S. stood for? Well, we received a zillion answers from fans all over the world! The funny thing is, *none* of you thought of the actual meaning, but the guesses you made were really terrific! We thought you might like to see a few, so here they are—Marvel Means Merely Stupendous! Marvel's Merry Madcap Sanitorium! Make Mine Marvel, Stan! Marvel Masterpieces Make Sellers! Magnificent Marvel Magazine Stars! Mighty Marvel Madmen Strike! Marvel's Mistakes Must Stop! Marvel Makes Marvelous Stories! Make Mine Marvel, Stupid! Make More Money, Stan! (That was LEE'S favorite!) A few of you came real close with Merry Marvel Madmen Society, and Merry Marvel Magazine Society! And so, to all of you who took the time to send in your guesses, we extend our heartfelt thanks. You've confirmed what we already know—our readers are the ever-lovin' *most!*

—By the way, many of you have written in to ask how often Stan's humorous picture mag, "MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH" goes on sale, and whether they can subscribe to it! Unfortunately, there are no subscriptions because it isn't published regularly. Stan just puts an ish together whenever he gets a chance, and as you know, that isn't too often. However, he is polishing off a hilarious new third issue, so keep your eyes open and ask your newsdealer to save you a copy. It should be out very soon!

—And now, the really big news—the lowdown on our next F.F. thriller! It's going to be something really different—in fact, it's literally out of this world, as our fabulous foursome fights for life on another planet in another galaxy! How? Why? Well—that would be telling! But, we promise it'll be another landmark in Marvel's march to glory, so don't dare miss it! Remember, the F.F. are the *greatest*—and it's all because of *you!*

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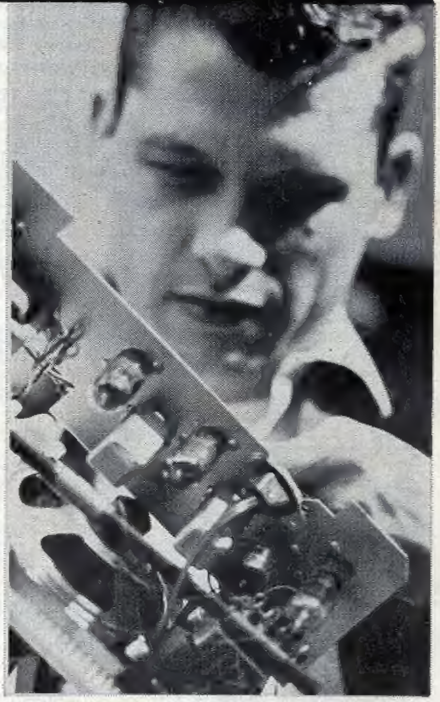

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